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1. ON JANUARY 12 AMBASSADOR COULBARY, UNDER INSTRUCTIONS FROM GOS, CALLED AT DEPARTMENT SEEKING OFFICIAL EXPLANATION FOR ARTICLES OF JANUARY 9 IN NY TIMES AND JAN 10 WASH POST WHICH REPORTED USG TO LINK UN VOTES WITH ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE.

2. COULBARY SAID HE WELL AWARE THAT THERE WERE ISSUES AT UNGA ON WHICH USG PLACED MUCH WEIGHT. HE POINTED OUT THAT AS A SOVEREIGN NATION SENEGAL WOULD VOTE ACCORDING TO ITS PERCEPTION OF ITS INTERESTS. IN THE PAST, HE SAID, WE OCCASIONALLY QUOTE AGREED TO DISAGREE UNQUOTE ON CERTAIN ISSUES.

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3. COULBARY ASKED IF USG HAD NOW INITIATED A NEW POLICY OF SELECTING FOR AID CUTBACKS THOSE NATIONS WHICH HAVE VOTED AGAINST USG IN MULTINATIONAL FORA. HE ALSO ASKED IF A QUOTE BLACK LIST UNQUOTE HAD BEEN ESTABLISHED AND ASKED TO SEE ENTIRE LIST; IF ONE EXISTED.

4. IN REPLY, DEPTOFF (AF/W DIRECTOR) EMPHASIZED TWO POINTS. FIRST, THERE WAS NO QUOTE NEW UNQUOTE POLICY. THE US CONTINUED TO FORMULATE ITS POLICIES TOWARDS OTHER COUNTRIES AFTER CAREFUL CONSIDERATION OF THE ACTIONS OF THOSE COUNTRIES THAT AFFECT US INTERESTS. IN THIS CONSIDERATION WE TAKE ACCOUNT OF THE ACTIONS OF OTHER COUNTRIES IN BOTH THE BILATERAL AND MULTILATERAL CONTEXT. AS AMBASSADOR COULBARY WAS AWARE, FROM HIS CONVERSATIONS WITH DEPARTMENT OFFICERS BEFORE AND DURING THE UNGA, A COUNTRY'S VOTING RECORD ON CERTAIN ITEMS SUCH AS KOREA WERE OF GREAT IMPORTANCE TO US, AND THE RECORD ESTABLISHED BY EACH COUNTRY COULD NOT FAIL TO INFLUENCE OUR RELATIONS. SECOND, THERE WAS NO QUOTE BLACK LIST UNQUOTE. OUR POLICIES WOULD CONTINUE TO BE EVALUATED IN THE LIGHT OF CURRENT CIRCUMSTANCES. IN CONCLUSION, WE DREW ATTENTION TO CONTINUING CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST. A RECENT RESOLUTION OF THE HOUSE INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE REQUESTED A REVIEW OF US PROGRAMS IN THE LIGHT OF UN VOTES.

5. FYI: FURTHER INFORMATION FOR USE IN RESPONDING TO INQUIRIES FROM HOST GOVERNMENT ON CITED NEWSPAPER ARTICLES WILL BE SENT SOONEST. IN MEANTIME IF ASKED BY GOS YOU SHOULD USE POINTS IN PARA 4. KISSINGER

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